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SUBJECT: JLP ON AGRARIAN REFORM: THE LAND IS NOT ELASTIC

1. IN RALLY WITH SOME FIVE THOUSAND CAMPESIONS IN GUASAVE, SINALOA, PRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO SAID MAY 17 THAT ONCE LARGE LANDHOLDINGS WERE BROKEN UP (AND HE ASSURED THAT THEY WOULD BE) FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF LAND IN MEXICO WOULD HAVE TO END. "THE LAND ISN'T MADE OF RUBBER", HE SAID: "IT DOESN'T STRETCH". JLP SAID ONLY SOLUTION TO RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD BE TO TRAIN NEW GENERATIONS OF CAMPESINOS IN OTHER PRODUCTIVE AREAS. CAMPESINOS WOULD HAVE TO STOP PRESSURING FOR FURTHER LAND DISTRIBUTION, BECAUSE LAND AVAILABLE WAS BECOMING SMALLER ALL THE TIME.

2. COMMENT: IN FIRST YEAR OF ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION GOM OFTEN SPOKE OF MOVING INTO "SECOND STAGE" OF MEXICO'S AGRARIAN REFORM, STAGE WHICH WOULD STRESS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY. LATER GOM AND CAMPESINO LEADERS FELL BACK ON RHETORIAL COMMITMENT TO LAND DISTRIBUTION TO ASSUAGE DEMANDS BY CAMPESINO GROUPS. IN HUGE PUBLIC RALLY HELD APRIL 21 IN CIUDAD OBREGON, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA STRESSED THAT GOM WOULD NOT TOLERATE VIOLENCE AS MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT LAND REFORM, BUT OMITTED MENTIONING UNPLEASANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REALITY THAT LANDLESS PEASANTS OVERWHELM AMOUNT OF LAND

WHICH COULD BE EXPROPRIATED AND DISTRIBUTED. THAT JLP CHOSE
TO DO IS SIGN OF REFRESHING CANDOR; WHETHER IT IS GOOD
POLITICS IS ANOTHER QUESTION.
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